

## What are Metabolic Conditions?

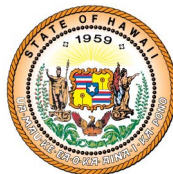
- These conditions affect the baby's ability to make or break down substances like protein or fat.
- Babies with these conditions usually look normal at birth, but may get very sick.
- If found early, many of these babies can be treated and live normal lives.

## How is My Baby Tested?

- Your **baby's heel** is gently pricked and a few drops of blood are taken.

## How Do I Find Out the Results?

- Ask your baby's doctor for the results of the test.
- An abnormal result does not mean anything is wrong with your baby—it just means that your baby needs more testing.



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# The Newborn Screening Blood Test

*For your  
baby's health*



- The blood test looks for **31 metabolic conditions** in your baby.
- It is a **state law** that all babies born in Hawaii get this test.
- Most **health insurance plans** will pay for the test. If you don't have health insurance, call the Newborn Metabolic Screening Program at:

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